

The closing was one of the most successful yet held, and there was every token of life and hope about the proceedings. Compton College is evidently advancing quietly but surely in prosperity and efficiency, and is sure to become a powerful influence for good among the Institutions of the Church.

Ordination at Sherbrooke.

Sunday, June 7th, was a great day in the Parish of Sherbrooke. In the morning at 11 o'clock—Matins having been said at an earlier hour—the Lord Bishop advanced to the Priesthood the Rev. H. S. Harte of Beebe Plain, the Rev. A. H. Moore, B.A., of Sawyerville, and the Rev. W. J. Curran of Melbourne. There were present in their robes six Clergymen, the Ven. Arch. Roe, D.D., the Rev. Principal Adams, D.C.L., the Rev. Prof. Allnatt, D.D., the Rev. Prof. Parroek, B.A., the Rev. Canon Thorneloe, D.C.L., and the Rev. H. E. Wright, B.A., all of whom took part in the Laying on of Hands. The Service began with Hymn No. 352. Then followed a thoughtful and practical Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Allnatt, which we hope to publish in full in the next issue of the *Diocesan Gazette*. The Ordination Office was then proceeded with in the usual order, the Archdeacon presenting the Candidates. The Service was musical, the Bishop intoning the Litany and leading throughout with his usual fervour. Hymn No. 323 was sung as an Introit. The Rev. Principal Adams read the Epistle and the Ven. Archdeacon Roe the Gospel. The solemn questions were put, and the Laying on of Hands performed, at the entrance to the choir in full view of the people. It was a very impressive ceremony and will long be remembered by those who witnessed it. The Rev. Prof. Parroek acted as Bishop's Chaplain.

In the evening of the same day a Service of Confirmation was held, twenty-eight Candidates receiving the Apostolic Blessing. The Bishop's two addresses were eminently useful, and the whole Service was earnest and devotional. Both at the Ordination and the Confirmation the congregations were very large.

Deanery of St. Francis.

ASSOCIATION OF CHOIRS.

The fifth Annual Festival and meeting of the Association of Church Choirs of the Deanery of St. Francis was held at St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke, on Thursday, May 21st, and was a marked success. Full choral Evensong was sung at 7.30 p.m. There was a fairly large congregation. About eighty singers, representing ten choirs, were present. The choir of Bishop's College and School Chapel, numbering thirty-two, being the only surpliced choir present, occupied the choir stalls and entered and left the Church in procession. Ten Clergy were present. Evensong to the 3rd Collect was sung by the Rev. G. H. Parker, Compton, the prayers following being taken by the Rev. Principal Adams of Bishop's College. The Rev. E. A. W. King read the first, and the Rev. Albert Stevens the second Lesson. The Lessons were special 1 Chr. xvi. 4-37, and 1 Cor. xiv. 1-20. The Sermon by the Rev. W. T. Forsythe was a convincing exposition of the two prevailing principles of Anglican Worship, namely, Sacrifice and Beauty. The Rev. Dr. Thorneloe, Rector of St. Peter's, gave the Blessing. The order of music was as follows:—

Processional Hymn—"Hark, Hark, the Organ." Elliott
 Psalms 147, 150 to Gregorian Tones.
 Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Calkin.
 Anthem—"When God of Old." Hall.
 Anthem—"Oh, Taste and See." Sullivan.
 Anthem—"Hear, O Lord." Michael Watson.
 Hymn—"The Church's One Foundation." No. 215 A. & M.
 Anthem—"Praise Ye the Lord." Gounod.
 Anthem (sung kneeling)—"Evening Shadows." Hiles.
 Recessional—"Onward Christian Soldiers." A. & M. 391.

Mr. Arthur Dorey, F.C.O., musical director of the Association, was Organist. The Service was hearty and reverent, and the singing good. It is felt that these annual events are strong factors in improving the tone and extending the knowledge of the possible beauty in the Church's Services. Choice flowers, flanking the handsome brass Cross, decorated the Altar, which was vested in white, and a floral Cross of beautiful design and workmanship surmounted the Font. Immediately after the Service, the Annual Meeting was